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# 121.9 MILLION PASSENGERS THROUGH BAA UK AIRPORTS 2001/02 MARCH TRAFFIC GROWS TO 10.1 MILLION PASSENGERS

BAA's seven UK airports handled 10.1 million passengers in March, an increase of +3.4% compared with March 2001. Figures were buoyed by an earlier Easter than last year and the underlying growth rate for the month is around +1% which represents a modest improvement on the gains recorded in February.

For BAA's financial year ended March 2001/02, its seven UK airports handled 121.9 million passengers, a decrease of -2.2% over the previous year, with traffic impacted by both foot and mouth disease, general global economic slowdown and the events of September 11.

#### March 2002 traffic highlights:

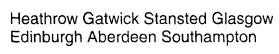
Across the group and boosted by Easter, there were rises of +17.9% on Irish routes, +14.7% on European charter routes, +4.4% in domestic traffic and +3.3% in the European scheduled market.

In the long haul sector, North Atlantic routes made further improvements with a fall of -5.4%, compared to -7.7% in February and -10.1% in January, whilst other long haul routes recorded a collective gain for the first time since July 2001, of +1.7%.

At the airports, Heathrow reported its first monthly increase (+2.2%) since February 2001. Underpinned by competition from low cost scheduled carriers,

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Edinburgh (+21.9%), Stansted (+17.2%) and Glasgow (+7.9%) each experienced

Traffic at Gatwick decreased -3.3%, which represents an strong growth.

improvement against January and February, when traffic for the months fell -

16.4% and 10.8% respectively.

Air transport movements fell by -3.9% in March and cargo tonnage fell by -6.6%.

Financial year to March 31, 2002:

For the fourth year running, Stansted was one of the fastest growing major

airports in Europe as low cost scheduled airlines continued their growth. The

airport added +14.9% traffic in 2001/2 and just passed 14 million passengers for

the financial year.

Continued growth amongst low cost scheduled carriers also helped Glasgow to

7.3 million passengers per annum for the first time. Edinburgh added 11.6%

traffic growing to 6.3 million passengers for the year and Aberdeen added 1.5%

to 2.6 million passengers for the year. Foot and mouth disease and September

11 impacted traffic through Heathrow and Gatwick, with drops of -6.1% and

-5.1% respectively. Southampton recorded a fall of -3.0 for the year.

For further information on BAA plc see www.baa.com

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BAA Traffic Summary : March 2002

Terminal		%	Financial year -	%
Passengers (000s)	Month	Change	12 mths to March 2002	Change
Heathrow	5,289.2	2.2	60,364.2	-6.1
Gatwick	2,277.4	-3.3	30,489.8	-5.1
Stansted	1,134.2	17.2	14,083.8	14.9
London Area Total	8,700.8	2.4	104,937.7	-3.5
Southampton	62.1	-8.8	840.9	-3.0
Glasgow	535.5	7.9	7,332.6	5.3
Edinburgh	561.3	21.9	6,255.6	11.6
Aberdeen	197.8	-5.0	2,552.7	1.5
Scottish Total	1,294.7	11.1	16,141.0	7.0
BAA Total	10,057.7	3.4	121,919.6	-2.2

Air Transport		%	Financial year -	%
Movements	Month	Change	12 mths to March 2002	Change
Heathrow	38,270	-1.7	455,873	-0.8
Gatwick	18,298	-6.8	238,772	-5.2
Stansted	11,213	-8.6	150,229	1.9
London Area Total	67,781	-4.3	844,874	-1.6
Southampton	2,267	-1.9	28,375	0.9
Glasgow	6,676	-10.2	91,118	1.8
Edinburgh	8,803	8.8	101,699	13.8
Aberdeen	6,664	-8.1	86,273	4.7
Scottish Total	22,143	-2.8	279,090	6.8
BAA Total	92,191	-3.9	1,152,339	0.4

Cargo		%	Financial year -	%
(Metric Tonnes)	Month	Change	12 mths to March 2002	Change
Heathrow	105,776	-2.5	1,166,476	-9.6
Gatwick	22,216	-18.7	262,919	-17.2
Stansted	15,129	-7.5	167,003	-2.7
London Area Total	143,121	-6.0	1,596,398	-10.3
Southampton	31	0.0	337	12.7
Glasgow	236	-54.5	5,395	-37.8
Edinburgh	1,209	-23.6	15,507	-13.1
Aberdeen	336	-57.4	4,208	-18.3
Scottish Total	1,781	-38.4	25,111	-20.7
BAA Total	144,933	-6.6	1,621,845	-10.5

Above data excludes Air Taxi passengers and Air Taxi movements.

## Market Comparison: March 2002

Market	BAA Total March-01 (000s)	BAA Total March-02 (000s)	
Domestic	1,866	1,948	4.4
Eire	437	515	17.9
European Scheduled	3,622	3,741	3.3
European Charter*	695	797	14.7
North Atlantic	1,521	1,439	-5.4
Other Long Haul	1,591	1,617	1.7
Total	9,731	10,058	3.4

### Market Comparison: Financial Year 2001-02

Market	BAA Total Apr 00 - Mar 01 (000s)	Apr 01 - Mar 02	% Change
Domestic	21,919	22,178	1.2
Eire	5,916	6,153	4.0
European Scheduled	45,015	44,701	-0.7
European Charter*	13,049	13,336	2.2
North Atlantic	20,119	17,655	-12.2
Other Long Haul	18,635	17,897	-4.0
Total	124,653	121,920	-2.2

<sup>\*</sup> includes North African Charter

Note: Origins and destinations are classified according to ultimate origin or destination of aircraft in the case of multi sector flights

Note: Figures for the market sectors have been rounded. Totals as per Traffic Summary